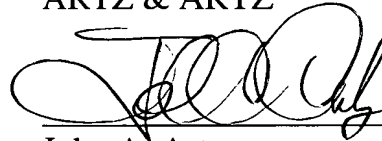


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-15 currently pending in the present application are being retained in the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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